

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Operations (Thursday, August 17, 2017) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Directors Ayn Wieskamp (Alt. Chair), Ellen Corbett, Dee Rosario

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Mimi Waluch, Ruby Tumber, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Steve Castile, Noah Dort, Renee Patterson, Denise Valentine, Jeff LeBow, Kevin Damstra, Shelly Miller

Absent: Director Dennis Waespi

Guests: Judi Bank, Eric Dueltgen, David Feindel

Agenda Item I: Del Valle Astronomy Agreement

Administrative Analyst II Renee Patterson and Supervising Naturalist Kevin Damstra provided a review of the Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy (RVSA) club agreement through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included: the observation location, exploring a potential alternative site, overview of the club, conditions for viewing, District programs, outreach events and club parties, and introduction of the club staff.

Director Rosario inquired about the location of where the Perseid Meteor Shower program was viewed. Damstra replied that the location was at the three-way intersection near the lake.

Director Corbett asked how access was allowed by participants into the park for the meteor shower. Damstra responded that the program started after sunset and went until 10:00 a.m. The club members were granted permission to remain after the program. Corbett inquired if there is a possibility of having the 2018 program during more optimal viewing hours. Damstra replied yes.

Director Wieskamp inquired if campers from Camp Arroyo could be involved in the program. Damstra replied that he has reached out to members of the YMCA to discuss how the District can interact with camp members and camps that come in through the Taylor Family Foundation.

Wieskamp inquired if the Park Supervisor has any concerns with the program. Park Supervisor Shelly Miller commented that she is in favor of everyone working together to provide educational opportunities.

Rosario inquired if the 10-person limit is self-imposed. Patterson replied that the rule has always been 10 vehicles with 10 people, due to the size and space limitation. Miller commented that due to the space limitation, the discussion has been started on potentially adding more sites to allow for more people to attend.

RVSA Outreach Coordinator Eric Dueltgen commented that the club is looking forward to creating more events with the District and public.

RSVA member David Feindel commented that he has been using the site at the park for 10 years and expressed his appreciation for the continued use of the site.

Director Corbett moved to approve and recommend to the full Board a five-year Special Use agreement beginning September 5, 2017 and a second five-year term, subject to agreement, based on their satisfactory performance and ability to adhere to all terms of the agreement. The District will continue to receive \$300 per year for this use. Rosario seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Update: District-wide Residence Program

Administrative Analyst II Noah Dort provided a review of the program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included: additional security, extending public contact, rapid response, protect and managing concession assets, review of the 70 residences including concessionaires, caretakers, and employee security; rent and revenue, residence maintenance program, renovations, challenges and oversight.

Corbett inquired on the duty of animal monitoring and what it entails. Dort replied there are three locations where animal monitoring is a responsibility. At Crown Beach the resident monitors the fish in the aquarium, at the Tilden Nature Area the resident monitors the farm animals, and at Ardenwood Historic Farm the resident monitors the farm animals.

Wieskamp inquired about grazing duties. Dort replied most times it involves the resident contacting the grazers directly.

Wieskamp inquired if the consensus from the residents is that they enjoy being in the program. Dort replied yes. The current Sibley-Old Tunnel Road resident Damstra commented it has been a great experience for his family.

Rosario inquired on the status of the Holly Court residence. Dort replied it is currently occupied.

Agenda Item 4: Open Forum for Public Comments

Judi Bank commented on the resident program and stated that having residents in the parks helps members of the public and is a benefit to the concessionaires for timely and efficient assistance when needed, in addition to having oversight on the property for security purposes.

Agenda Item 5: AGM Comments

- Currently staff is in the middle of the 2018 budget process.

Agenda Item 6: Board Comments

- There were no Board comments.

Director Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Denise Valentine

Executive Secretary